

# Lions did us proud

From JIM COOK in Adelaide

Hellas (S.A.) 2, Lions (Vic.) 2

On their two-match tour, Lions, of Melbourne, caused a big impression among Soccer fans in South Australia with their all-action style of play in the games against Hellas and Lions last week-end.

## 23 TRAIN AT BOWL

Wilhelmina have started their long range plan to build a powerful Soccer club for the future.

On Monday night 22 players registered with the Golden Bowl, Camberwell, for physical training under the personal supervision of Brendan Edwards, the former Hawthorn Australian Rules player.

The Ringwood club's players will train twice a week at the Bowl during the "off season".

The Wilhelmina boarding school at the club's new junior ground at Croydon will start next January.

## NO SOCCER SATURDAY

There will be no Soccer at Olympic Park on Saturday.

The Federation executive decided on Monday night that the Armstrong Cup final between St. Albans and Wilhelmina would not be played.

On Sunday the Australia Cup game — Hellas v. Juventus (S.A.) — at Olympic Park will start at 3 p.m. Curtin-raiser will be the under 18 Cup final — Sunshine City v. Dandenong City — at 1.15 p.m.

The winner of Sunday's Australia Cup will play either APIA or South Coast

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# LONDON STORES

# Morrice Buckner says

If a motorist drives through a red light and is later charged with the offence in court, he wouldn't get far with the magistrate by pleading that he is color-blind.

His licence to drive would most certainly be cancelled.

The Victorian Soccer Federation is like this hypothetical motorist — it fails to see the red lights.

When you ask the Soccer commissioners about the queer things that go on in the name of Soccer these days, they merely smile and make statements which, in effect, go like this: "Sorry, but we are color-blind."

I have two reasons for saying this. Both concern matters which cropped up in games last weekend. Although these things may have been legally and technically permissible, they are certainly wrong in principle.

And surely if something is wrong in principle, steps should be taken to make it impossible to be technically and legally permissible.

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LET'S take Saturday's Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup semi-final first. In this game, St. Albans gave a spirited performance to beat Hakoah 2-1.

But St. Albans didn't field its Reserve team. It fielded its First team.

What made this legally possible is the rule which says that no player can appear in both the Dockerty Cup series and the Reserve Cup series. So St. Albans pulled the obvious switch.

Realising that it had little chance of winning the Dockerty Cup and badly wanting a trophy to add to its Second Division championship pennant, it fielded its Reserves for the BIG Cup and held its Seniors for the Reserve Cup.

If you were to ask "What's wrong with that?", the answer must be "Nothing — technically." But what would happen if 30 or 40 clubs fielded their Reserve teams in the Dockerty Cup series and saved their Seniors for the Reserve Cup?

Both competitions would develop into a mess — a mess even worse, if possible, than the confused muddle already made of the Dockerty Cup and the

## DON'T WRITE HELLAS OFF

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Boulos Kamboropolous, a clever ball-playing inside-forward, is the right type of player between the striking trio with his deft touches and ability to crack open a defense.

Who will form the fifth member of the Hellas attack? Unless of course, Mike Mandella makes a comeback or if he isn't yet ready, could a place be found for the experienced Jimmy Adam?

I'm not going to underestimate Juventus (Adelaide) even without match-winner inside forward Steve Herczeg who also will be missing through World Cup duty with the Australian squad.

### • SUPER SIDE

But although I give them full credit for their clear-cut and shock win over Slavia they had the breaks and don't let's fool ourselves they are a super side.

Good maybe with a balanced defensive unit and an enterprising forward formation cup ties have a habit of bringing out the best in even mediocre sides.

Now my thoughts on the game and how it will go:

Hellas should match at least the South Australian side in every phase of the game — ability and skill, pace, teamwork and courage. And the Melbourne side are exponents in attacking from the kick-off — some thing which Juventus failed to do against Slavia.

I feel Hellas have more drive in midfield and if their motor-driven attack can get an early glimpse of the goal, then they may recover some lost prestige for Victorian Soccer. But it may not be as easy as I suggest.

However, it's Hellas for me — all the way.

Teams will be selected from —

JUVENTUS: Horvath, Di Bartolo, Baggio, Jennings, Rossetti, Crawford, Moriarty, West, Da Cruz, Corti, Cooper, Scerifini, Chiappini, Gervelli and Perrin.

S.M.-HELLAS: Tsitos, Kalegerous, Mantrakes, Marigiris, Papadopoulos, Roussis, Bedford, Pyrgiotis, Kamboropolous, Ackerley, Mandalis, Damalakos and Adam.

THEY'RE ALL  
COLOR-BLIND!



Australia Cup by the V.S.F. and the A.S.P. with their implementation of such stupid ideas as round-robin and home-and-away fixtures in competitions which were never intended to be anything else but KNOCKOUT competitions, and which become completely bemused by any other arrangement.

And if Soccer's commissioners create new and silly rules every year, rules that are dragging the sport of Soccer down into a bottomless quicksand, why blame St. Albans for pulling a smart switch?

But, dear commissioners, be warned! Don't be color-blind! Unless you close this loophole, both of Victoria's Cup competitions will be reduced to utter farces.

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NOW let's move on to Sunday's Australia Cup match in which George Cross gave one of its best displays of 1965 to beat a determined bid by Juventus 3-1.

Everyone was surprised to see Cross left fullback Johnny McDonald take the field. Surprised, pleased, and puzzled. The last we heard, Johnny had been suspended for three matches.

Naturally some questions were in order and I asked some officials about it. They told me that Johnny's case had gone to the Appeals Board and the Board had reduced the suspension to one match. I pointed out that this was the first match that Johnny's team had played since his suspension.

The officials agreed that this was the first match played by Cross' SENIOR team, but they pointed out that Cross' RESERVE team had played its last two

league games since Johnny's suspension. And, although Johnny has been identified with the senior team since his arrival here, according to the officials those two Reserve games took Johnny off the hook!

So I say it again. This may be technically right but it's morally wrong.

But you can't expect more from people who are metaphorically color-blind to anything and everything that will hamper and hinder their own personal aims or those of their clubs.

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THE weekend produced several stirring performances. One was the effort by Slavia's "crippled" side in fighting back from a 0-2 deficit to beat Hakoah 3-2 after extra time in 92-degree heat.

Another was the sparkling performance by George Cross against Juventus — a game in which both sides gave the spectators superior entertainment.

And finally, there was the clash of the Under-12s, the Frankston Pines and Sunshine City, who battled through time and extra time to a 2-2 draw.

It would be unfair to single out any one of these youngsters strictly on playing ability, but I shall take the liberty of mentioning one of them to illustrate the proposition that the future of Soccer in Australia lies with Australian kids, regardless of whether they are sons of migrants or of purely Australian lineage.

At the end of this junior match, Wayne Kelly, Frankston Pines' left half, was carried off the field shoulder high as the star of his side.

The point is that Wayne is only nine years old and that before March this year he had never kicked a Soccer ball.

How Australian Soccer would flourish if thousands of kids like Wayne were scouted, encouraged, and the natural players amongst them coached by experts!

Within 10 years, Australia would produce an AUSTRALIAN World Cup team that would be just as respected abroad as this country's tennis players, swimmers, golfers, cyclists, athletes, and other sportsmen.



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# SOCER NEEDS THIS

By FRED VILLIERS

Tuesday, November 30, 1965,  
will be Victoria's most important  
day in Soccer this year.

It will be the Victorian Soccer  
Federation's annual meeting at the  
Olympic Room. It starts at 7 o'clock.

This will be the most crucial meeting since the  
Federation was formed in Melbourne three years  
ago.

It is no secret that most officials will be glad  
to see the end of the present season. Most will  
say "Good riddance to 1965".

What a pity it has turned out this way. Early  
this year we all looked forward to the 1966 kick-off  
and we silently prayed that a good Soccer year  
was in store for us.

But instead Soccer has suffered a severe set-  
back and the game has returned to its pre-1960  
level.

The game in Melbourne needs urgent attention  
from the administration point of view. It needs  
long-range planning and more honest attitudes.

Clubs must realize that they need men at the  
top who will do the best for Soccer and not  
necessarily the best for their own club.

The childish attitude "If I can't have my own  
way my club won't play" must stop, and I mean  
stop. It must be forced by intelligent and respon-  
sible people in charge of the game.

Any club which walks off the Soccer ground in  
Melbourne should walk off for life. There should  
be no replays like we saw in this year's farcical  
Docklands Cup competition which under the  
idiotic round-robin set-up should never have  
been played.

All the dead wood on the Federation Council and  
executive should resign and make way for men  
who are prepared to work for the good of the game  
and nothing else.

We need men with keen interest to whip up

## TEAM IN '66

enthusiasm with business houses of U.K. origin,  
men who will promote Soccer from the bottom,  
introduce it to State Schools and work on a long  
term policy. There is no room for those who make  
promises and do not fulfil them.

I am going to stick my neck out and suggest  
who should run Soccer in Melbourne next year.

- Theo Marmaras should be made president  
of the V.S.F. in recognition for his services ren-  
dered to the game.

- John Gorton, one of the up-and-coming  
officials, should be chairman.

- John Barclay should be brought back as chair-  
man of the Metropolitan Management Committee.

- George Yelland, the Referee's Selector, should  
be included on the executive because of his excel-  
lent knowledge of the game.

- Michael Weinsteini (Hakush) has proved he's  
a good organiser and he should have a position  
with the executive.

- Ferdi Varenni, has been a great worker for  
Soccer with the Italian community. Soccer needs  
him.

- Andy Kuh (Melbourne) because of his intense  
interest in Juniors and his knowledge of Soccer  
also should be included in the set-up.

- John Oliphant (Slavia) a man who has done  
much to build the Port Melbourne club is another  
good leader.

- John van Hoboken (Wilhelmina) knows big  
business and he also must be considered as an  
executive.

- Tom Burns, a V.S.F. Trustee, is another whose  
services would be valuable to Soccer if given an  
opportunity.

- Kurt Deffin (Hakush) has good organising  
ability and should also be included at top level.  
He is an ex-Association member. This was once  
a dirty word in Soccer but now any ex-Association  
man who has worked so hard should have a feather  
in his cap.

- Ted Thornton (Langwarrin) has a storehouse  
of ideas for promotion and he should be found a  
place with the Top Brass at Soccer House.

- A publicity man must be found. I suggest a  
journalist who knows something about Soccer  
and its set-up. Morris Buckman in an executive  
capacity would be ideal.

- Isaac Spiegel (Hakush) A top businessman  
who could do much for the game.

- Jim Paul, a former Association official, who  
has been ATC-O's Soccer commentator. He should  
be back in the game in an administrative capacity  
because he has proved a good worker and capable  
official. The fact that he once served the Association  
does not matter.

- DR. HERBERT MARYTON, a hard worker, no  
Hakush, and a man whose capabilities and  
scholastic qualifications should not be ignored by  
the Soccer body.

There's no time left to argue.

If Soccer has the team at its disposal, let it  
get on with the job.

It's certainly a big one to tackle, but it CAN be  
done, and it MUST.

## Maoris didn't impress

A TOURING team from Auckland which was  
captained by a 41-year-old former English  
international star Ken Arnallson failed to set  
the world on fire on a brief visit to Sydney.

Little more than 200 people saw the visitors.

The tour could not help to be a flop coming so  
late in the year but plans are under way for New  
Zealand's national team to make a full scale  
visit here next March.

Lance Robinson was quite right when he wrote  
in Sydney's Daily Telegraph that "Auckland seems  
to be suffering from the same malady eating into  
Sydney Soccer".

"A preponderance of former British players, too  
old and too slow to hold their places in the  
British teams, are sufficiently experienced to keep  
youthful native talent on the sidelines".

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# a kicked on in one season!

less has proved to

is the story of the  
cer Club.

the "homestead", for the  
purposes of holding a public  
meeting.

Jimmy went here, there  
and everywhere talking to  
people who might be interested  
in offering their services.

He got notices printed  
and on his own he dropped  
them up in shops and  
talked to local businesses  
men getting promises of  
financial help.

The weeks passed with  
Jimmy still working untiringly  
and when the night of the meeting  
arrived the hall was packed  
out.

Most of the people  
there were strangers to  
each other.

I addressed the meeting  
and outlined our idea that this should be a completely new club, with experienced men from the old Williamstown club, and new blood in the form of anyone prepared to give of their time and effort.

## BREAKTHROUGH

As a result, when we called for nominations for the various positions in the club, every position was filled on the committee totally with non-playing men.

This was the breakthrough we had hoped for. It meant that the players could concentrate on PLAYING. The only exception to this ruling was myself.

I was appointed publicity officer, but I was allowed to make myself available for selection. I asked and was allowed to be able to attend the committee meetings as an observer only, as I wished to be able to criticise the committee should this be necessary in my opinion.

Elected that night were the president, vice-president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, committee, coach, trainer and publicity officer. Also a council representative is on the committee, Cr. Stan McIntosh.

It was decided to train on Monday and Thursday nights at 5.30 pm. A week before training was officially to start more than 40 turned up.

On the opening night so many arrived it was decided to stagger the training program. Juniors were to train at 5.30 pm and seniors at 5.50.

Right through the sea-

## J. Threlfall dies — 51

Joe Threlfall, one of Junior Soccer's greatest workers, died in a Melbourne hospital on Sunday. He was 51.

Joe was secretary to the juniors with the V.A.S.F.A. from 1958 to '61.

He had also been a junior coach and was one of the first junior officials to receive an honorarium for his services to juniors.

Joe gave up Soccer because of ill health.

Gordon Culbard, Junior Federation chairman, said yesterday, "Joe was one of the greatest workers we've ever had in Junior Soccer. We've lost a good man."

The funeral took place at St. Mark's Church of England, Sunshine, on Tuesday and it was appropriate that the service should be held in the church by the local Soccer ground.

Joe lived with his wife and two sons at 22 Ferguson St., Albion.



son from early in February '63 to now, the turn up at training each night has been fantastic.

## 68 PLAYERS

One night I decided to count the players. Some of the juniors had left after finishing training, some seniors had not yet arrived, yet there were 68 players actually on the ground.

The teams which we formed were one senior, two senior reserve sides, one under 18 years, one under 16 years, two under 14's and one under 12.

The teams, too late to get in a league, we arranged friendly games for.

We did this recognising that if a player trains he wants a game, even if it is only a friendly. We had friendlies every Sunday. Our ground is Kim Reserve, Millers Rd. Al-

tona. There are two grounds.

The council built a two-room dressing shed, put on cold water and is going to include hot showers next year.

The grass is cut regularly. I make a point of complimenting the council in helping us.

During an election campaign my "Letter to the Editor" was the only one praising the council. The following week my headline in the local paper was "Altona wins Soccer". "Victory" in which I mentioned the rain had caused two mud patches to form on the ground.

The next week the council worked for three days sweeping the mud away and putting down fresh earth.

You must admit, not many councils would bother to do that for a Soccer club.

We started the season well, lost four league games and one Deckerty Cup game throughout the year. We drew two and won 16 league and three Deckerty Cup games. We finished our first year in second position to Frankston.

Our reserve side finished the year in second position, again to Frankston.

## PROMOTED

We thus have been promoted in our first year in existence — something which few teams ever achieve.

Altons believes that the only way to really have a successful club is to encourage Australians to take an interest and in this we have succeeded.

Many of our supporters are Australian residents.

I think the space I have been allowed in the "Altona Star" has contributed to this. I have written my reports in such a way as to interest as possible people who are not Soccer minded.

As a result Australian people who live in Altona have a better idea of and interest in Soccer than the average Australian in most other suburbs.

A big percentage of the junior players in the club are Australian born.

Altons believes that by playing down the National interests in favour of a local interest, then anybody can come and watch or play with no outside feelings entering into it.

There is harmony in the club. We have a great many nationalities, but where a person was born, his religion, or

Here is the triumphant Altona Soccer Club: Back row (left to right) — B. Bleakley, J. Nespor (secretary), J. Baker, A. Dunlop (president), N. Wynne, C. Karameos, J. Innes, R. Perkins, B. Steven (coach), F. Fairthorne (treas.). Front row — E. Klesmail, J. Lipiarski, S. Herman, B. Abbott, W. Liddell (capt.), B. Oates, Jimmy Todd, the hardest-working committee member, is not in the photo.

This picture was taken for Soccer News by John Cullen, Altona's publicity officer.

which side he was on — the war has got nothing to do with his place in the club. He is an Altona man first and foremost.

We could interest half of the migrants who don't come to Soccer now. And we should be able to get the Australian to identify with Soccer as an Australian game, not as we must admit, the way they think now.

"A Bloody New Australian game where they hit the ball with their heads and carry knives in their pockets.

The trouble is we are too proud to lower ourselves and trying to interest Australians.

The attitude seems to be antagonism to Australians. If they want to come, let them. Instead of "How can we get the Australian to come to the game."

Morris Buckner is a clever man who is unfortunately opposed to new ideas. His mind is made up, no matter what any one else thinks.

Just don't confuse him with facts. When I read his criticism of the dropping of the New Australian names I was most disappointed.

You see, I think the Soccer News exerts a big influence on the game here and with its backing this forward move could easily come true.

We should have no national teams, then have these lunatics with knives who would not bother to come to Soccer.

The other half would not take a knife as the

Nationalism. Yet we have Australians, Scots, English, Irish (North and south), German, Maltese, Swiss, Polish, Italian and one or two others. These mix socially off the field as well as on the field.

## BIG TEST

When Atkins was in the "four" the test came. One of the last games of the year was against Ajax in second position.

Altona was in fourth position with equal points to a worse goal average. The team that won this match would most probably be promoted.

At one stage it was 1-1. Then we went wild. We piled on five goals to make it 6-1. Ajax scored 8-2. We missed a penalty — our fifth penalty in a row we had missed this year.

Ajax scored from a penalty 6-3. Then Altona scored to make it 7-3.

This vital win made us two points ahead of Ajax and we went on to win promotion. We won the final game against Waverley 4-0 to clinch it.

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# British soccer

## LAST WEEKEND

Chelsea 0, Leicester 2:

 **C**helsea looked like a side who have already had too much football.

They were rank bad — patternless, disjointed and inaccurate. And there was little in their play to indicate early improvement.

From the one of their best shots came from England leader Barry Bridges during a brief appearance as substitute.

Bridges, side-lined by manager Tom Docherty's decision to play Peter Cogdon at centre forward came on when left back Eddie McCreadie was injured ten minutes from time.

McCreadie protested as trainer Harry Mediurst laid him off, but later it had to be the medical too — lay on a rib injury.

### Clincher

Leicester created bridges with a second match-clinching goal. Derek Dougan applying the finishing touch after Robert's shot had been blocked.

Goal No. 1 came after fifty-six minutes of boring football, but followed by so many inaccurate passes it was not surprising a defender scored it.

Dave Gibson took a quick

### Great

Banka uncertain early on — especially when he crossed also made a fantastic mid-air stop from a Bert Murray effort. Banka's reflexes were working 100 per cent when the ball was deflected on route.

These moments and the goals apart, this match was probably the most exciting the worst First Division game I have endured all season.

One twenty-two players did little to earn their top bracket wages.

Chelsea have now gone from home unbeaten without a win and scored only two goals in that period. They could do with some of the old, familiar faces.

## HALF-SPEED WEST HAM

**N**orthampton 2, West Ham 1

**W**ake up, West Ham!

The talent is there,

even with Johnny Byrne out of action—but the spirit seems gone.

Half-speed, apathetic,

playing as if you're

done with football,

they seem to have

nothing to live for

— and the ball is

deflected on route.

Tran, West Ham can

plead a curious penalty

decision against them

when they beat Dennis

McGlashan, tripped with

the ball in the "pen."

Not only did it not look

like a penalty, but it was

being played five yards

away by Northampton's

Ken Leek. Then Foley

scored the penalty.

Then, when the ball was

deflected on route,

the end. Northampton won

the match when Ken

Leek half-headed the ball

into the net from Bobby

Hunt in the "pen."

On the credit side,

West Ham must thank

young backs Dennis

McGlashan plus Robbie

Moore and Ken Brown.

But the mark of those

young backs is that

they're not yet passed

on to their fellow line.

West Ham must also

thank Jim Standen for

his great clearance from

Bobby Hunt.

Up to then, Allen had

grinned and bared his

teeth, but he had to

sweat it out in the

second half.

In fact, McGlashan started

Swans on the road to victory by heading home an

Gibson, of Leicester, signs off direction of ball after beating Chelsea's McCreadie, but it was no goal.

## Swans 4, QPR 2

**L**es Allen headed Hangers' second goal in the seventy-ninth minute and turned what looked like a cosy win for the Swans into a close finish.

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grinned and bared his

teeth, but he had to

sweat it out in the

second half.

Hangers brought on

Tony Hassel for the

injured Tony Hassell. This

move had a surprising effect on the visitors.

They attacked with great gusto, and won a Swans

goal back, pedalling into their own net.

The visitors, however,

were not to be beaten.

Allen headed in a

strong header.

Even minutes later, full

back Brian Taylor fed a

slight centre to the far post

and it was then that

Hassel headed in another.

Swans were now forced

to change their tactics, and

in the eighty-second minute

Jimmy McCallum got a free kick from the wing and

crossed in from the right

side to a lucky pass from

wing half Williams and

McCallum got powerfully

over him from the right

side to head home the final goal.

## Newcastle 0, Spurs 0

**A**ll night long

Spurs' attack

was a series of

short, sharp power

forays.

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